



00169.002024.

PATENT APPLICATION

2876
\$18
92

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: April A. Taylor
SUE-KEN YAP, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2876
Application No.: 09/835,325)
:
Filed: April 17, 2001)
:
For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM)
FOR USING MULTIPLE)
SMARTCARDS IN A READER) June 8, 2004

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,534,857

U.S. Patent No. 5,528,021

U.S. Patent No. 4,806,745

U.S. Patent No. 4,752,678

GB 2,255,934

06/10/2004 TBESHAH1 00000034 09835325

01 FC:1806

180.00 UF

These documents were cited in a Search Report issued during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Patent Office's communication, which is dated April 2, 2004, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that the information submitted in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.


The European Search Report also cites EP 829,831, EP 661,675 and FR 2,752,316. These documents were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 23, 2004, and therefore have not been included in this Information Disclosure Statement.

This application has received a Notice Of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is urged to study the information identified herein in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.


Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 39,000

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-2200
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200
CA MAIN 81938

FORM PTO 1449 (modified) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)				ATTY DOCKET NO. 00169.002024.		APPLICATION NO. 09/835,325	
				APPLICANT SUE-KEN YAP, et al.			
				FILING DATE April 17, 2001		GROUP 2876	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		5,534,857	7/9/96	Laing, et al.	340	5.74	
		5,528,021	6/18/96	Lassus, et al.	235	380	
		4,806,745	2/21/89	Oogita	235	492	
		4,752,678	6/21/88	Rikuna	235	380	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		2 255 934	11/25/92	United Kingdom			
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED			

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

CA_MAIN 81938
Form #62

Sheet 1 of 1